



Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society

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Our Principles

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- * The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- * Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
- * Acceptance of one another and encouragement of spiritual growth in our congregations;
- * A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- * The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- * The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- * Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

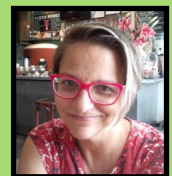


May Worship Services

Sundays at 10 am onsite & online
Stay for Social Hour in Fellowship Hall

May 5— Maypoles and Other Sacraments--Throughout ancient times and still today, human societies have celebrated life as sacred and joyful. Especially in this season of spring... and more than any other time, in May. Institutional religion hasn't always found ways to welcome these deep pagan beliefs into communal spiritual life. But maybe that's changing...Led by Rev. Tricia . We'll share our offering with [Gather](#), Middlebury's community living room.

May 12— Just Us or Justice?--How can CVUUS and our faith travel the path of justice? Who are we and where are we going. With Rev. Christina & Tom Morgan. Followed by a congregational conversation on diversity, equity and inclusion.



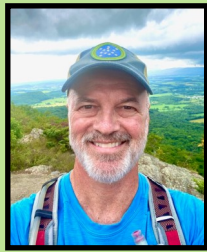
May 19— Our Annual RE (Religious Exploration) Celebration! —Lift up the youth and adults who make the RE program possible, hear why it feeds their UU hearts and minds, and celebrate our amazing kids. Ice cream at Social Hour! *And maybe some Bridging high school Seniors?* With Poppy Rees. Followed by a congregational conversation on GA Article 2 revision vote.

May 26— Of Memory and Imagination--Stories, poems, and songs from the times of our country's wars - to commemorate Memorial Day, and all those whose lives have been changed, and lost. Led by Rev. Tricia with Becky Strum.



Coming Up in June! More Inside!

Rhubarb Festival, Sat. June 1 (10-2), help with pies, savories, lunch and (returning!) a book sale. Join the fun!
MULTIGEN Flower Communion, Sun. June 2 followed by CVUUS Annual Meeting, our sacred time for conducting business.



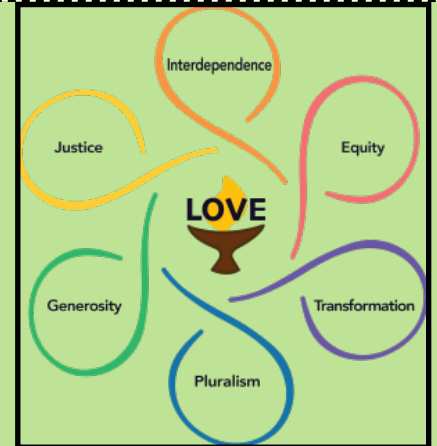
Community Ministry Connection & Justice by Tom Morgan

Karl Lindholm has said May is “the best month” here in the Champlain Valley. As we revel in the greening around us this May, I am excited to help facilitate the budding of community ministry with CVUUS.

Rev. Christina and I will lead a worship service on May 12th during which we hope to engage and inspire with our perspective on the opportunities community ministry opens for us to live out our Unitarian Universalist values and principles. Between now and then, I invite you to contemplate the importance of healthful relationships in your life. Perhaps pause with a sense of gratitude for those connections. Because so much of the inequity, exclusion, and disenfranchisement of our world can be attributed to broken connections and unhealthy relationships.

Opening opportunities for making, strengthening, and repairing connections is, in many ways, the essence of community ministry. Not just connections between people and groups but also between individual practitioners of our principled faith and our purpose as justice seekers and Beloved Community builders. With Love and Light for the Journey,

Tom Morgan, communityminister@cvuus.org
Onsite Mon & Wed mornings/ 802-377-7600



Communications Team Seeks Google Workspace Advisor

The newly formed CVUUS Communications Team is preparing to move organizational documents to Google Workspace to consolidate information and to create organizational ownership of materials. We have identified the steps we need to take to get verified and approved for a non-profit workspace account and we are moving forward with them as well as looking at organizational structure for documents, folders, photos, etc. In the process we have realized that we need someone more experienced than any of us (Mary Hadley, Margy Young, Laura Asermily, Jess Danyow) in making such a move, e.g migrating files and emails, and are looking for someone who has been through this process and is willing to act in a volunteer advisory role to our team. Please email Jess at office@cvuus.org if you are such a person and interested in learning more. Jess began working as communications assistant earlier this year and prepares the weekly happenings email, print worship order of service and other tasks on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons when she is scheduled to be in the office. We welcome her initiative in improving our communications.



Welcome to CVUUS!

Visit us at cvuus.org, FB CVUUSVT, or email office@cvuus.org to follow us.



Arrange access to our spaces

Refer people to arrange for our spaces [here](#). They are well-ventilated and feature **wifi access (1BamaDiva!)** and gender inclusive bathrooms. We adjust the permitted attendance level and masking requirements depending on COVID conditions, so ask the Office when you schedule. [Watch our online calendar](#) for when we are scheduled and when we are available for your small groups or events.

What Are Your Pronouns?

Celebrate gender identity by designating your pronouns on your name tag. Can't find yours? Notify the Office, an usher, greeter or Ginny Ashenfelter. Check the Welcome Table basket in our lobby for collected and blank ones. Contact Poppy Rees about **CVUUS Our Whole Lives (OWL)** which helps youth explore their sexual identity.

Honoring Indigenous People

CVUUS worship opens with a ringing of the bell and saying: *"We recognize that CVUUS gathers on the land of the Western Abenaki people. We respect their spiritual relationship to the land. We hope to learn from them how we can live together in peace and justice."* See cvuus.org

CVUUS Anti-Racism Covenant

"We commit to journey toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community through our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions." Adopted 3.6.23



Rev. Tricia

Rev. Christina

Welcome to Our Ministers

Rev. Tricia Hart (revtricia@cvuus.org) and Rev. Christina Sillari (revchristina@cvuus.org) began in August as part-time contracted ministers to bridge our search for a settled minister and **Tom Morgan** (communityminister@cvuus.org) folds in this spring guided by Rev. Christina.



63rd UUA General Assembly (GA) Love Unites, Stories Ignite Virtual Only, June 20-23, 2024 See uua.org/ga

for an exciting intro video, the program including **Rabbi Julia Watts Besler** as Ware Lecture speaker & view [proposed revision to Article II of the UUA Bylaws](#). Anyone may go.



RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION MAY 2024

Connection. Joy. Action. Justice. Community. Join us!

I really **love being with the kids on Sundays in RE**. They are thoughtful, funny, affectionate, curious. Some of them take time to warm up to things. Some jump right into things.

We always have a time when we light the chalice and share **Joys and Concerns**. We go around the circle and every person, child or adult, can share a joy and/or a concern, or just put their stone by the candle in silence. This ritual is comforting in its consistency. **AND** the things that are shared matter. People talk of sick or dying relatives or pets, of being nervous about some upcoming thing, about the hardness of being at school sometimes, of loss, of sadness. The rest of us listen in silence and don't talk. That's how it works.

And then they (and I - I always share) speak of birthdays, games that were won, beautiful weather, upcoming trips, visitors soon to arrive, animals, holidays, and often ice cream. And we listen in silence and don't talk. That's how it works.

It's a rare treat, **to get to talk and listen without having to rush somewhere**, complete something, take notes, or solve the thing that is hard. We are just there for each other. One of my favorite UU things, lighting the chalice and sharing.

I also love that RE is such a mixture of **serious reflection and ideas AND zaniness**. Jetpig is sometimes funny but they are also taken seriously by the kids. On Jetpig Sundays, the younger kids pass Jetpig around the circle as each person talks. We had to come up with a system to deal with so many people wanting to hold Jetpig.

We talk about interdependence – how we must rely on each other, how we affect each other and are affected by each other – and then we build ridiculously tall things out of straws and we don't snap when someone breaks it by accident.



Doing Social Hour a few Sundays ago, with some of the kids and parents, was so FUN. The kids took the **labeling of items** VERY SERIOUSLY, even if we couldn't tell what something was. Several kids ran the **industrial dishwasher** that most of the adults don't know how to use yet. (It's easy! All of you can help do dishes after Social Hour sometime!)

The kids bring me joy, even when they are sharing hard things, because **I feel hopeful when I'm with them**. If there are kids/people like this, the world won't completely go down the tubes. They are a remedy to doomscrolling and anxiety. I am aware that this would be different if some of these kids were my OWN kids that I was raising all the time. That's a harder thing, though it still has times of great hope and zaniness.

I hope you all will come to our annual RE Sunday on May 19 and celebrate our heart-filled kids and the teens and adults who hang out with them at RE.

~ Love, Poppy, your Director of Religious Exploration



CVUUS May Newsletter

Social Action Updates

May “Share the Plate” Donee: Gather (Drop-In Community Space)

Gather is a comfortable, welcoming, and free-of-charge gathering place that serves the neighborhood. Gather is a comfort zone for every-

one, but especially those who deal with isolation, loneliness, or who could just use a listening friend. It is a hub of healing community. While not a church or temple, Gather is based on some important Buddhist principles, because it is a project created by Bread Loaf Mountain Zen Community. Gather is located in the town center of Middlebury, on the Green.

Gather offers opportunities for each of us to meet new people, welcome everyone right where they are, and engage in mutual hospitality. Additionally, Gather offers ... daily mid-day mindfulness (12-12:20, closed Mon & Tues), music jams each Saturday morning (11-1:30), a circle of joys and concerns each Sunday (9-10 am), ongoing conversations over coffee, cake and healthy snacks, all-day weekly or bi-weekly card game events, grief groups, community celebrations, recovery meetings, community acupuncture, hand reflexology, art and quilting activities, knitting and rock painting classes, and so much more. All is free.

Please stop by, and if you would like to get involved or schedule an event, contact Colleen Brown (above) at her BLMZC email address: jishu@breadloafmountainzen.org. You can also talk with fellow CVUUS-ers who serve as Gather hosts and/or offer activities there. That group includes Dinah Smith, Margy Levine Young, Jordan Young, Abi Sessions and Tom Morgan. See more at www.gatheronthegreen.org.



*Thanks for your continued support of Donations Ministry. Join our team: Jean Terwilliger, Avi Freund, Bobbi Loney, and Ash Hickey. Thanks to all who gave to our April donee **Climate Economy Action Center of Addison County**. Our June one will be Outright VT. Track how much we contribute to donees at cvuus.org/justice/sharing-donation-plate/.*

Volunteer & Know You Make a Difference with Your CVUUS Teams



Charter House Meal Prep Teams We make dinner for residents (25-40) every 2nd Monday of month and lunch every Wednesday following that Monday where we also serve the lunch. Sign up [here](#) or see [Alan Moore](#).

Community Meal Prep: Friday Community Supper (free) offers eat-in and continues take out meals at Congregational Church of Middlebury from 5—5:30 pm. CVUUS provides nut-free **baked goods (300 cookies) on FOURTH Friday of month**. We look for 6 bakers 50 items



How Does CVUUS Inspire Love in Action in Your Life?



Calling Artists!

Our summer worship theme will be **Spirituality and the Arts**. Whatever your art form ...music, crafts, drawing, painting, politics, theater, cooking, protesting, designing, sculpture, leadership, wood carving, listening, building, dancing ... really! ... think outside the "art" box! We want YOU to share your passion with us. To find out more, speak with any member of the worship team led by Abi Sessions. We will be glad to help you shape your passion into a worship service.

International Workers Day (May 1) Thanks to those who joined farmworkers picketing one of the Burlington-area Hannaford stores to protect their rights.

Ceasefire NOW! Honk and Waves (Thursdays 4-4:30 pm) Thanks to those gathering at top of Middlebury Green to calling for Gaza relief.

Have You Discovered Our CVUUS LIBRARY? Library of Things?

CVUUS has several wonderful adult and children's titles and an [online reading list](#) for finding them. **Catalog:** There's a link to our [library catalog](#) on the CVUUS website under the "Learning" heading. We're happy to locate books for you. Arrange with Office or Artley Wolfson awolfson@middlebury.edu. We seek **LARGE PRINT** book donations. We also have a **library of things**.

These are items (cribs, camping and sporting equipment, tools, wheel chairs, etc.) we keep in our homes that we are willing to

loan others on a short term basis. Let Artley know if you'd like to help with this project. See <https://www.cvuus.org/connection/library-of-things/> for our current inventory of things.

Thanks to Lise Anderson & Susie Davis Patterson for joining Artley in helping with our library





CVUUS 15th Annual Rhubarb Festival Sat. June 1, 2024 10 am—2 pm

**If it takes a village to raise a child
then it takes a community to hold a
Rhubarb Festival.
We need your help to ensure this
fundraiser is a community success.
Join us in the fun!**



Rhubarb

My husband bought a little treat,
A favorite thing I love to eat.
We rarely see this anywhere
o take advantage when it's there.
I never ate this in my youth
For what's inside, to tell the truth,
Is something that did not compute
It seemed more veggie than a fruit.
'm talkin' rhubarb, as in pie,
With strawberries to satisfy
My taste buds, waiting to explode;
Of course, this will be a la mode.
If you have never sampled this,
You've missing out on certain bliss
But if my tastes you do refute,
We'll have a rhubarb (a dispute)!
Ilene Bauer, 2017

For 14 years the CVUUS Rhubarb Festival has spread sweetness and joy. Once again we will celebrate spring as a community. We'll pick rhubarb and bake and sell pies (and confections of all kinds) featuring this resilient, nourishing, (and stunning) early season plant!

The centerpiece of the festival is rhubarb, but over the years this unique fundraising event has included a plant sale, book sale, cook books, craft sale, "bling" (or gently used adornments) sale, a "father's corner" for special gifts, a café, live music, and children's activities.

If you have been waiting for a moment to join an activity at CVUUS, this is the one! Want to help? Everyone is welcome to join the Rhubarb planning group. To all the good people who helped in large and small ways last year, we hope you jump in. Contact: **Lise Anderson**

liseand55@gmail.com or leave a message 802-462-2729 or **Mary Hadley** hadleyme@juno.com. See cvuus.org [here](#) for more, including a fun pie-making demo from Poppy, recipes, and great background information on the festival to inspire you.

Got rhubarb? Donate (or get) pre-chopped rhubarb in CVUUS downstairs freezer before Sunday May 19 and FRESH in the fridge after May 19. We want fresh stalks without leaves again this year in 1.5 lb bundles. See Gayle gmuenchow@comcast.net.

Bake pies? We'll offer rhubarb and rhubarb/strawberry pies. Small ones. Slices. Some gluten free, vegan. See Lise liseand55@gmail.com. We'll have **four pie-making bees**: Thur May 30 (3-5 pm and 5-7 pm) and Fri May (3-5 pm and 5-7 pm). **Sign-up [here](#)** to help assemble boxes, chop rhubarb, make pies, help sell and set up.

Rhubarb Café ? We'll be serving rhubarb crisp with Wilcox vanilla ice cream along with assorted non-alcoholic beverages. Bake crisp? Be server? See Mike mike802vt@comcast.net.

Books? Drop off gently used ones on Sundays or other arranged times with the office. No magazines or textbooks, or anything with damaged covers please!



Stewardship Campaign 2024



Make Your Pledge [here](#). CVUUS' work and reach are only possible through our shared commitment and generosity. We are reliant upon one another to invest in our staff, to keep our beautiful and welcoming church proactively maintained, and to sustain our dynamic and responsive programming.

We're excited to

report that at the **mid-point** of our campaign, just under half of our individuals and families have made a pledge so far. These pledges comprise 47% of our campaign goal of \$362,000 (an 8% increase in the operating budget over last year)! **Thank you!** For indicating this with your pledge sticker on our poster and joining our circle suppers and



potluck lunch. Your Stewardship Campaign Team, **Heidi Sulis, Steve Maier, Mary Hadley, Mary Conlon, Hannah Sessions, Jean Terwilliger**



Staying Connected

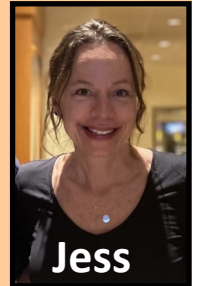
Sunday Morning Social Hour (~11 am): Join exchanges after worship where we check in with each other.

Weekly Happenings (Wed):

Provides pathways for connection with links to our upcoming worships, past services, events. Not getting this weekly email?

Submit your news & queries to

office@cvuus.org. Our communications assistant Jess Danyow handles this, our website and more on Tues & Thurs afternoons.



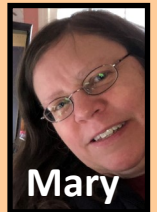
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Yellow Card Milestones &

Passages: Complete one in the lobby on Sunday morning.

Council of Ministries:

Mary Hadley, with Susie Patterson and Louise Cadwell, convenes reps from our ministry groups on 1st Monday of month at 5 PM to brainstorm and update each other in Fellowship Hall.



Mary

Need an update on your giving status?

Contact our book keeper **Cara Mosier** at fm@cvuus.org



Cara

or 203-314-3347 on Tuesdays when she works remotely.



Music & Choir

Music continues to hum at CVUUS!

As always, our **choir** is thriving. Be sure to come to our annual choir-led service on Sunday June 16.

Vespers in April featured a candlelight service of contemplative Taize prayer with singers from our CVUUS choir and all over town, led by Rev. Christina and Ronnie Romano. We'll pause until Fall (so no vespers for busy May).



Come to our **Contra Dance** in the Sanctuary on **Friday, May 10** at 7pm. Like before, we'll do traditional and new dances in any of several formations — circle dances, contra dances, longways sets (like a Virginia Reel), and squares. All dances will be taught before they are danced, and will be called during the dancing. Richard Hopkins will be calling. Live music will be provided by a group of players associated with CVUUS in various ways, led by Kai Fukuda and Carol Harden. Admission is free but we will have a jar for contributions. No previous experience is necessary. Come by yourself, with a friend, or with a group. All dances will be called in a gender-free fashion. Most involve having a partner for that dance. Some dances have identical roles for the person on the left and the one on the right; for others we will use the terms Larks (on the left) and Robins (on the right). Anyone can ask anyone to dance.

Later this month we'll continue our new **Noontime Concert Series** in the Sanctuary. Come Thursdays May 23 (a bit later at 1 pm) and May 30 at noon. There will be varied styles and performers. Come take your lunch break by enjoying some live music!

Middlebury College Community Chorus continues to rehearse at CVUUS on Wed and Sunday nights, winding down this month. Come to our *Faure Requiem* spring concert on Mothers' Day May 12 at 5 pm at Middlebury College's Center for the Arts.

Opera Company of Middlebury Meet the Singers (of their adult spring opera) will be with us Sat. May 18 at 5 pm. Their orchestra will rehearse with us again later this month. We continue to be a home for community music making of all kinds, with **World Music Day** returning Thurs June 20 (4-7). Reach out if you are interested in hosting your community arts-focused event with us. **Ronnie Romano** Music Director | 201-388-4038 (text/call)



Explore Small Ministry Groups: A Different Way to Do Church

Small Ministry Groups deepen and broaden personal spiritual growth. A group usually consists of 8-10 members who meet monthly. Each meeting is focused on a spiritual or religious topic. We have **four groups** that meet monthly. Most take off for the summer and resume in Sept. More on what small group ministry is all about at cvuus.org [here](#). To join or form a group, contact Doug Richards (drichard@keuka.edu or 802-989-9387).

Or join one of our affinity groups.



Writers Group meets the second Monday of the month at 3 pm in Fenn Chapel. All welcome. Contact [Bobbi Loney](#) at to be added to list.



CVUUS Sangha & Meditation

You're warmly invited to join us **Sunday evenings at 5 pm** when [Dinah Smith](#) gives guided meditations aimed at those who are new to this or already have a practice. Zoom link [here](#)



Flower Buds Help decorate our sanctuary and Fellowship Hall with seasonal arrangements. Contact [Dinah Smith](#) if you'd like

to rotate in or could help with our grounds.

Birds nesting outside CVUUS. And inside (thanks to our devoted Fellowship Hall decorator [Marnie Wood](#))



Let's Eat Together

Caring Network invites you to come to **Eastview** (off South St next to Porter) on the **4th Tuesday of the month** at noon

to share lunch with them and the many Eastview residents there who are CVUUS members and friends. Bring your own lunch. Beverages provided. Contact [Dale Birdsall](#) with questions or if a ride is needed (377-1322).



Affordable Housing for Addison County YOU CAN HELP EASE THE HOUSING CRISIS

Spread the word among your friends,

family and neighbors in Addison County. Look for & distribute our new brochure.

- **HomeShare Vermont** See Abi Sessions, Connie Kenna, Ellen Flight & <https://www.homesharevermont.org/>
- **Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)** Basic Info: <https://accd.vermont.gov/adu> Addison County Guide: <https://acrpc.org/regional-programs/housing/> See Mike Small.
- **Homes First (Tiny Homes)** <https://homesfirstvt.org/> See Jean Terwilliger.

Addison County Interfaith Affordable Housing Alliance meets the first Monday of the month at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. See **Mike Greenwood** or **Jean Terwilliger** & [here](#). Learn about these options **Sunday, June 9 at 4 pm** St. Peter's Parish Hall, 85 South Maple Street, Vergennes. We hope to start a new book discussion in the fall and are sharing readings, including insightful clippings from Addison Independent's *Living Together* series.



Love YOUR CVUUS BOARD 2023



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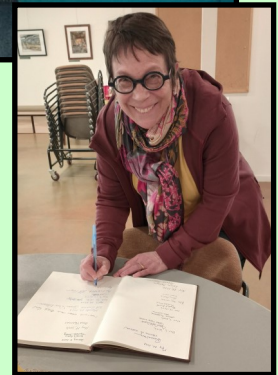
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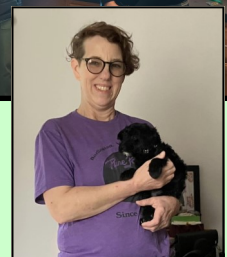
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Welcoming New CVUUS Members Thanks to our Welcoming Team (Mike Greenwood, Martha Fulda, Tom Morgan, Marnie Wood, Lise Anderson, Ginny Ashenfelter) for organizing *New to UU* and *New to CVUUS* sessions last month. Welcome to **Andrea Sambrook** (right), **Elio Farley**, **David Bristol**, **Peter Chapin** who became CVUUS members with the privilege to vote at our congregational meetings and schedule free milestone events.



Love in Action on Our Buildings and Grounds Thanks to all who helped spruce up our grounds after worship for Blue Jeans Sunday, including **Paul S, Dinah S, Mitch K, Steve M, Priscilla B, Mary C, Samala R, Kimberli G, Llyn R, Jean T, Rich W, Carol H, Alan M, Sue R, others.** We washed all windows interior to Sanctuary and vacuumed screens, pruned bushes,

weeded, picked up sticks and debris, washed north Sanctuary wall outside to remove green, washed north wall Fenn House to above windows, worked on winter snow plowing gravel on lawn and ate some pizza and sandwiches. Thanks to **Bob House** for advance oversight and never-ending tinkering. Efforts continue as we speak this week thanks to **Paul Stone** (railing rust remediation), **Scott Barkdoll** and **Paul Vaczy** (blue wall restoration). We're happy **Donna B** agreed to compliment Keith's cleaning work with special detailing projects starting last month. Oh and thanks to all who attended the special **congregational meeting to vote** on whether or not to proceed with **installing heat pumps** and **roofing repairs** this year. **It passed!**





SPAM EMAILS & TEXTS Please use caution when opening/reading/responding to both emails and texts to keep yourself safe. Our ministers will never ask you for financial gifts or for our directory.



Laura

We encourage you to report scams to the VT Attorney General: [1-800-649-2424](tel:1-800-649-2424) | ago.cap@vermont.gov

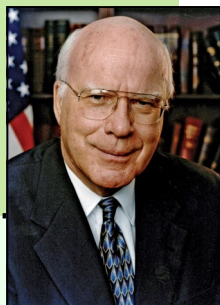
DIRECTORY UPDATE We will no longer be distributing our directory electronically or leaving print copies in the sanctuary. Let the Office know if you'd like a print copy.

BREEZE DATABASE ACCESS COMING SOON CVUUS members and friends will be given permission to access our Breeze database for directory information. You'll be able to update your own contact info and see your financial giving record. We're aiming for June.

CARE FOR PARKING! Our lot is reserved for those who need accessible spots. **CARPPOOL!** See Go! VT connectingcommuters.org.



USE OUR OWL! Look for it in Blue Room along with instructions for this aid to hearing and seeing each other better in hybrid zoom meetings. Portable.



CVUUS ZOOM: Ask Laura (388-8080 or office@cvuus.org) how you can request a cvuus zoom meeting. **To "claim host" once you are in:** Click on your name in participants" and scroll down below the list of names and click "claim host" and where it asks for the "host key", put in these 6 numbers: **364568**. Click claim.

CVUUS HOSTS RETREATS & EVENTS

We continue to welcome groups. Watch our online calendar for availability and see our rates at cvuus.org. Schedule with Office Manager Laura Asermily

(office@cvuus.org or 802-388-8080)

--**Al-Anon** for families and friends of Alcoholics meets weekly on Wednesdays 1:30-2:30 pm in Fenn Chapel, seeks anonymity.

—**PEO (Philanthropic Education Organization)** meets on 2nd Thursday of month at 2 pm in Fenn Chapel. Contact Anne Christie 388-4347

--**Counseling Service of Addison County** back for more weekday training (May 20-22)

—**ESL Classes** for Viva el Sabor on Tue & Thur 9-11 am in Blue Room *"You've always been there for our group, the ESL class and Addison Allies. We couldn't have a better supporter."*

—**Middlebury Area Clergy Association** joins us for their monthly breakfast meeting May 7.

—**Green Mountain Folklore Society** on May 11 (9-1) for 1st time. Open to the curious.

—**MUHS testing** weekdays through May 17. *"We love how spacious and light flooded you are," exclaimed a proctor.*

—**3 Flipping Things Get Out the Vote Letter Writing Campaign** on 3rd Wed of month at 7:30-9 pm (May 15). All welcome.

—**Hawthorne Club Speaker Event: (Patrick Leahy)** Wed May 22, 7 pm, all welcome.

—**Rug Hookers** on May 23 (9:30-12) for a sit and hook and **Quilters** for a potluck on Tues May 28 (5-8). Bring your crafting to us.

—**Thermal Networks Worskshop (Session 2)**, Thur May 23 (10-12) in sanctuary

—**Opera Co of Middlebury Meet the Singers** on Sat May 25, 5 pm, ticketed event and their orchestra May 24 and 25.



Missing you?
Contact Office

B Porter 5/1
 Elizabeth Golden 5/8
 Mitch Kramer 5/10
 Poppy Rees 5/10
 Vera Flight 5/11
 Bob House 5/12
 Mike Greenwood 5/13
 Breelle Thomas 5/14
 Llyn Rice 5/16
 Zora Duquette-Hoffman 5/18

Bobbi Loney 5/19
 Amy McGlashen 5/19
 Allen Zeiner 5/19
 Barbara Ganley 5/20
 Annan Duquette-Hoffman 5/21
 Elio Farley 5/23
 Mary Harrington 5/29
 Griffin Santerre 5/30
 Marjorie Carsen 5/31
 Ann Webster 5/31

Wheel of Life CVUUS commemorates births and deaths. **Milestones and Passages** are shared each Sunday. Also see **Seasons of Life Fund** above.



for online giving

Online Giving <https://cvuus.breezechms.com/give/online> See how to choose options at cvuus.org/connection/donate or by code.



CVUUS Seasons of Life Fund Commemorate personal milestones and passages through financial gifts to CVUUS that provide extra funds for us to fulfill our work. Thank you for considering this.



Our Caring Network (CN) provides support, such as calls, visits, meals, and rides, to those in need. If you think of a need that we could provide for you or any CVUUS member or friend, there are

“pink cards” on the foyer table in the sanctuary. Please fill one out and place in the nearby envelope marked *Confidential for the Caring Network*. We’ll check it weekly and do what we can to facilitate this need. Join **Kathryn Schloff** (kathrynschloff@gmail.com or 802-349-5264), **Michele Lowy, Dale Birdsall, Ted Scheu, Ginny Ashenfelter, Morris Earle, Lynne Balman & Bethany Barry** in this meaningful work. They meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10 am.



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May Worship Services 10 am
in our sanctuary & on Zoom
Followed by Social Hour
Rhubarb Festival preparations begin!
Religious Exploration celebrated

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